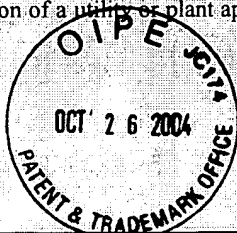


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i. ☐ **Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on:** _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

ii. ☐ **Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on:** _____

iii. ☐ **Other** _____

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b. ☐ **Other** _____

3. **The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.**

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b. ☒ **The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.**

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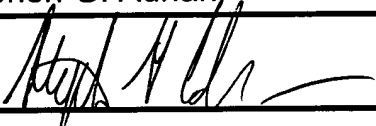
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AMENDMENT

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Prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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